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PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

Minority Report of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Dustin Case.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senate.—The Chair laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting in reply to a recent Senate resolution a report showing the claims, accounts and vouchers suspended in that department. In discussing a motion to print the papers Mr. Hale said the accounting officers of the Treasury had lately taken what seemed to him the extraordinary course of "holding up" or suspending the accounts or vouchers of the government, who according to custom and the usual authorization had paid out moneys which had been intrusted to them for the purpose of being paid out. The contention of the accounting officers of the Treasury, Mr. Hale said, were that the payments were authorized. The papers, which are voluminous, were ordered printed.

Mr. Pugh, representing the minority of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the views of the minority on the resolution referred to the committee concerning the office of the District Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. It was ordered printed in the Congressional Record and also in separate form.

At 12:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Hale, the Senate went into executive session.

At 2:40 p.m. the Senate doors were reopened, and the Chair laid before the Senate a lengthy message from the President bearing on the right of the Senate or Senators to have access to papers, etc., in the Executive Department relating to suspensions from office.

When the President's message had been read Senator Edmunds said it reminded him of the communication of King Charles the First to the Parliament. He also said that the President, unintentionally no doubt, had entirely mistaken the question involved between himself and the Senate. I think I am safe in saying that it is the first time in the history of the Republic that any President of the United States has undertaken to interfere with the deliberations of either House of Congress on questions pending before them, otherwise than by messages on the state of the Union, which the constitution commands him to make from time to time. This message devoted solely to a question for the Senate itself in regard to itself that it has under consideration. That is its singularity. It, I think, will strike reflecting people in this country as somewhat extraordinary if, in these days of reform, anything at all can be thought of as extraordinary. The Senate of the United States, in its communication to the heads of departments (not his heads, of departments, but the heads of departments created by law) directed them to transmit certain official papers, and that is all. The President of the United States undertakes to change the question into a consideration by the Senate of his reasons, or motives for putting a civil officer, as it might be called "under arrest," with which the Senate is not undertaken in any way to make any question at all. By every message he has sent to this body—and they are all public—he has asked the Senate to advise and consent to him the removal of one officer and the appointment of another. That is what he has done, and the Senate in calling for these papers—to say nothing of wider considerations about any deficiencies in the Department of Justice—is asked to remove these officers without knowing the condition of the administration of their offices.

Senator Harris remarked that for reasons to which he might not refer here he had no desire to discuss this matter, and moved that the message be printed and lie on the table—the usual course, he said.

After a little sparring between Senator Edmunds and Senator Harris as to the disposition of the message a motion of Senator Edmunds was agreed to by the Senate, and it was ordered that it be printed.

The Senate then again went into executive session, and when the doors reopened adjourned.

The House.

Under the call of States a number of bills were introduced and referred to the committees.

Mr. Bramm (Pa.) asked unanimous consent to have printed in the record a memorial signed by J. B. Brigham and others for the impeachment of Daniel Manning, Secretary of the Treasury, for his mismanagement and misdeeds in the execution of the silver law. Mr. Bosch (N. Y.) objected.

Senate bill passed for erection of a public building and for alteration of the jail at Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. Eldridge (Mich.) moved to suspend the rules and pass the Mexican penitentiary bill, with a proviso excepting from its provisions persons politically disabled.

After debate, and pending action upon the motion, the House adjourned.

Minority Report on the Dustin Case.

The minority report of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Dustin case is three or four times as long as the majority report. It embodies no resolutions. Mr. Pugh asked that the report be printed and be placed on the calendar. It was not read in the Senate. The report says that when President Cleveland came into office he found about 95 per cent. of the offices filled by Republicans appointed as a reward for party service. The party to whom the President owes his nomination and election has been expelled from all participation in the civil administration of the government for nearly a quarter of a century. The friends and supporters of the President made application for a redistribution of the public trusts. No other President had ever been subjected to such severe trial or had to meet so many grave difficulties, and no other had such an abundant supply of valid reasons and causes urging him to a free exercise of his power of removal from Federal office, and no other ever retained with more fairness the just claims of his supporters or used his power of removal more cautiously, timidly, cautiously and sparingly. Notwithstanding these facts, the 650 nominations sent to the Senate in the suspension cases had been allowed to remain before the committees without consideration and final disposition. Dustin has made no complaint to the President or the Attorney-General that he was wronged by the suspension. The committee was fully informed that President by the members of Congress from Alabama for person knowledge of his high position was stripped to the naked

truth

without any special pleading the case made for the Senate on their resolution, and the answer of the Attorney-General in, whether the Senate has the right to demand of the Attorney-General the transmission, against the order of the President, of the only paper or document of the description mentioned in the resolution, when that paper or document is stated in the refusal to relate exclusively to the removal of Dustin by the President, and for that reason alone is not transmitted.

The report concludes as follows:

The inevitable result is to arraign President Cleveland and try him by the Senate with an unfriendly political majority for making suspensions in alleged violation of his public pledges and promises not to make removals or suspensions except for cause. President Cleveland's pledges are part of the published history of the country, and for their faithful performance he denies his responsibility to the Senate and stands ready for trial by the people. He did make the promise that during the term of a civil officer he would not suspend or remove him for the sole reason that he was a Republican. Merely being a Republican, if he had been and was a capable, faithful and efficient officer, the President declared he would not regard as sufficient cause. But if such officer, while in office, by his power or influence or enjoinments to promote the organization or success of the party by attending conventions and making himself active in elections, the President has declared such conduct and action by any incumbent, however capable, as a violation of the spirit of the law, declaring that civil office is a public trust for public uses, and not to be employed as an element of power in party organizations and elections, and that such conduct would be treated as sufficient cause for suspension. The President declines to submit voluntarily to the decisions of a tribunal having no jurisdiction over the question of the sufficiency of such cause for suspension, especially when his fear is that such conduct to the office might be regarded by the Republican majority as a reason for the retention of the incumbent in office. The President will never allow a trial by the people for the exercise of any of his powers or the discharge of any of his duties, but he will have a fair trial on the whole truth. But he declines obedience to any unlawful summons to trial under usurped authority by an unfriendly tribunal on mere papers and documents relating exclusively to suspensions and containing in nearly every case only a partial statement of the causes, facts and reasons for his official act of suspension.

CHINESE DRIVEN OUT

Of East Portland, Ore., by a Masked Mob.

PORTLAND, ORE., March 1.—Between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning a mob of eighty masked men divided into two parties, one of which visited the Chinese working back of East Portland and Albina, an eastern suburb of this city, and drove them out. There were 180 Chinese in all, and all of them were engaged in wood chopping and grubbing on land lying one to three miles back of the towns mentioned. Some of the men were masked, and their faces blackened, and others wore sacks over their heads with holes for eyes. All were armed. They went to the camps where the Chinese were asleep, routed them out, displayed revolvers and ordered them to pack up and leave at once. The Chinese offered no resistance, and allowed themselves to be driven to a ferryboat and taken to the city. The mob worked with great secrecy. The night was dark, and the officers of the law knew nothing of its action until the Chinese arrived here and were marching up the street from the ferry at 2 o'clock in the morning.

LITERARY NOTES.

The second and last installment of Sidney Lanier's letter to a brother poet in *The Critic* of Feb. 27.

In the number of Feb. 27, 28th Charles H. Farnham describes the life and work of the eminent historian, Francis Parkman.

The seventeenth of *The Critic* "Authors at Home."

CARROLL & Co. of New York have just published *Adam Eve's Voice*, a tale of Kirk and Covenant, by Annie S. Swan. This is a story of absorbing interest that carries the reader back to that period in which history when the reformed religion had taken firm hold of the people, who, intense in their natures, were ready to suffer even death in defense of their convictions. The characters are, all of them, as strong as the period in which they are drawn, and full of the energy that came to them as the result of abnormal elevation by religious exaltation. The author has vividly caught the spirit of the age of which she writes.

THE CITY.

Comp. Funnel! thou true, faithful friend of mine!

Off had thou served me in life's warfare rough!

No knight of old found lance more keen or tough

At doorway or in dreadful battle-line;

Come, though they own thee not, the Muses raise thee

Strike the more blow—the past is not enough—

Not now for Love's sake, nor in Fate's fold

For Providence and all its golden web;

But one iron sword has turned to rust of gold.

Where speculation stains the judge's gown,

And where, in new-born broods, foul beasts

Ravage the treasure-house by night and day.

R. W. Alden, in *The Critic*.

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